

How to Plant Leyland Cypress Trees

1. Choose an area that receives as much sunlight as possible. Leyland's thrive in direct sunlight, although they will tolerate partial shade as well.
2. Space the Leyland at least 4 feet away from the nearest tree or shrub. If you are planting a row of Leyland's for a privacy screen or windbreak, plant them between 4-6 feet apart (depending on your preference). You can plant them up to 15 feet apart, however, it will take several years for them to create a screen at that distance. Plant them closer when planting as a hedge.
3. Dig a hole about 2 times the size of the Leyland's root ball system. Make sure to remove the grass around the hole to prevent weed competition.
4. Remove the Leyland from the original container or pot, and place it into the hole. Gently loosen the soil around the Leyland's root system. For added nutrients, add potting soil or topsoil to the hole.
5. **Do not** plant the Leyland's main stem too far below the ground level, as this can lead to decay and rotting. Plant the Leyland so that they top of the root system is approximately 1/4 inch below the top of the soil.
6. Pack the dirt into the hole, and gently press on it with your hands to secure the Leyland is in place.
7. Water the newly planted tree until the soil is moist to the touch. Continue watering the tree as needed to maintain a moist (but not soggy) soil for the next 2-3 months until the root system is established.